Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and Dy. Director of the National Institute of Nutrition, indicating also whether Director, CSIR and Additional Inspector General of Forests (Wild life) have been consulted by the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. It is proposed to control and regulate experiments on animals in keeping with the relevant provisions of the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals Act 1960.

(b) and (c) A Sub-Committee consisting of scientists and representatives of animals welfare organisations was constituted to consider the comments and suggestions on the draft Breeding of and Experiments on Animals (Control and Supervision) Rules 1998. The Sub-Committee after examining the suggestions received in this regard from different quarters including the Centre for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) and the National Institute of Nutrition has suggested modifications in the draft Rules so as to simplify registration procedures and decentralize various control mechanisms proposed in the draft rules. The recommendations of the Sub-Committee have since been considered and accepted by the Committee for Control and Supervision of Experiments on Animals which has 17 members including scientists, representatives from animal welfare organisations and the Additional Inspector General of Forests (Wild Life).

Stipends to SC/ST Students

2424. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any plan to support the students of the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes in the form of stipends;

(b) if so, what amount has been sanctioned during the three years, State-wise;

(c) whether Government have any plan to sanction money for building hostels for students of Scheduled Castes and Tribes; and

(d) if so, what amount has been sanctioned and the number of hostel buildings built including capacities of hostels in last three years, State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Statement enclosed at Annexure—[*See* Appendix 185, Annexure 59]

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Statement enclosed at Annexure—[*See* Appendix 185, Annexure 59]

Representation against regulating research on Animals

2425. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any representation from scientists against regulating research on animals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to reconsider its decision to impose drastic checks on research on animals;

(d) if so, the details of the decision Government propose to take in this regard; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI):

(a) to (e) The Government has received a number of representations containing comments and suggestions on the draft Breeding of and Experiments an Animals (Control and Super-

vision) Rules 1998. Most of the suggestions relate to simplifying registration procedures for Establishments conducting experiements on animals and on decentralising various control mechanisms proposed in the draft rules. A Sub-Committee consisting of scientists and representatives of Animal Welfare Organisations has considered and resolved the issues raised by the scientists and the rules have been accordingly reframed.

पिछड़ा वर्ग के युवाओं द्वारा आयु-सीमा पार कर लिए जाने हेतु क्षतिपूर्ति

2426. **कुमारी मैबल रिबैलो:** क्या सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या भारत सरकार का ध्यान इस तथ्य की ओर दिलाया गया है कि आयोग द्वारा सिफारिशें भेजने की तारीख और भारत सरकार द्वारा गजट में उनकी अधिसूचना के बीच बहुत अधिक अंतराल होने के कारण पिछड़े वर्गों के अनेक युवक नौकरी पाने एवं प्रतियोगी परीक्षाओं में प्रवेश के लिए निर्धारित आयु-सीमा पार कर जाते हैं;

(ख) यदि हां, तो क्या सरकार अपने निर्णय में हुए विलंब से इन युवकों को हुई क्षति की पूर्ति करने के लिए किसी योजना पर विचार कर रही है; और

(ग) यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है?

सामाजिक न्याय और अधिकारिता मंत्रालय की राज्य मंत्री (श्रीमती मेनका गांधी): (क) जी, हां।

(ख) जी, नहीं।

(ग) प्रश्न नहीं उठता।

Sabotage of Reservation Policy by States

2427. CHAUDHARY CHUNNILAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Governments are out to sabotage the reservation policy initiated by Government; and

(b) if so, what action Government propose to dispel the doubt and suspicion of the SCs/STs in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) No Sir. The state Governments are necessarily required to implement the policy of reservation as enshrined in the Constitution.

(b) Does not arise.

NGOs Running Education Centres for Tribal Women

2428. SHRI PARAG CHALIHA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether grants are being released in time to voluntary organisations running education centres for tribal women in the States in general and Assam in particular;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) the steps taken by Government to provide grants in time;

(d) whether the voluntary organisations have pleased for enhancement; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) The grants-in-aid for continuing projects is released on receipt of complete proposal from the NGOs. Assam is not covered under the scheme of Educational Complex which is applicable only in the districts having less than 10% tribal female literacy as per 1991 census.

(b) and (c) Does not arise.

(d) and (e) The Scheme has been revised w.e.f. 1998-99.